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Michael Leavitt, Administrator  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
P.O. Box 1473  
Merrifield, VA 22116

**Subject:** Chemical Right-to-Know – Withdrawal of Sponsorship to HPV Program

Dear Administrator Leavitt:

The letter below was sent to you on January 23, 2004 at your 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue address. Although BASF Corporation (BC) received a signed, certified mail receipt from the Agency, I was informed on September 1, 2004 that the letter was not received by the HPV Challenge communications coordinator. Thus, our original letter is being resubmitted in this writing to allow HPV Challenge communications to accurately reflect BC's ongoing sponsorships.

In its commitment letter to Ms. Browner dated 30 November 1999, BASF Corporation (BC) agreed to sponsor benzoic acid, 3-[2-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy] (63734-62-3) and benzoic acid, 3-[2-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy], potassium salt (72252-48-3). BC kept its commitment and submitted its test plan on these chemicals to EPA in December of 2001, ahead of schedule. A revised test plan was submitted to EPA in early 2003 that agreed with the EPA request to conduct additional testing for several minor SIDS Level I endpoints. In September of 2003, BC transferred all interest in the import, manufacture and sale of these chemicals to United Phosphorus Ltd. As a consequence, BC withdraws further sponsorship of these chemicals under the U.S. HPV Challenge Program.

If you have any questions, please contact me via the information below.

Sincerely,

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